terminal facilities on the Western Coast of the country.

However, the proposal is at preliminary stage of formulation.

Projects and Investigation Reports by the CIL

3569. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many project reports and investigation reports have been prepared by GL and its subsidiaries so far;

(b) how many out of them have been submitted to the CSIR Laboratories for approval and at what cost in relation to the total amount spent under this head; and

(c) whether CIL and its subsidiaries will continue with this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) In Central Mine Planning and Design Institute, about 30 to 35 Geological Reports are prepared every year. About 75 to 80 exploration blocks are under investigation at any point of time all the year round. 13 investigations for washeries and beneficiations of coal have been carried out since 1985-86. In addition 21 S and T projects for washing and beneficiations of coal have been identified out of which 7 have been completed, 12 are in hand and 2 more are being taken-up.

(b) Out of 21 S&T Projects and 13 investigations, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Laboratories have been associated with 8 projects and 3 investigations During 1987-88 about 39000 meters of coal cores have been generated out of which 14800 meters of coal core have been given to Central Fuel Research Institute and other governmental agencies for quality assessment. Total amount paid to the investigationg agencies was Rs. 20.44 lakhs during 1987-88 out of which Rs. 8.20 lakhs have been paid to CSIR laboratories and other governmental agencies.

(c) Yes Sir. The system of offloading coal core testing to CSIR laboratories will continue as they have the necessary facilities.

Absorption of land oustees in service of NTPC

3570. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy in regard to appointment of land oustees by National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) whether such land oustees are being provided with training for absorption in technical jobs;

(c) what is the number of land oustees so far absorbed by NTPC in their various projects, State-wise; and

(d) what is the number of land oustees still awaiting absorption, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The policy formulated by the National Thermal Power Corporation NTPC) in regard to appointment of land oustees lays down specific priority groups based on the extent of land acquired. The land oustees are extended preference in employment in the respective projects subject to the availability of vacancies and their suitability.

(b) The NTPC does not organise any exclusive technical training for the land oustees.

(c) The number of land oustees employed in the NTPC, Statewise, are as under:—

State	No.
[i] Andhra Pradesh	236
[ii] Bihar	48
[iii] Madhya Pradesh	464
[iv] Uttar Pradesh	522
[v] West Bengal	315

(d) the number of land oustees, other than those employed, is as under:—

State	No.
(i) Andhra Pradesh . .	2032
(ii) Bihar . . .	1465
(iii) Madhya Pradesh . .	3143
(iv) Uttar Pradesh . .	2342
(v) West Bengal . . .	10348

Request from small scale detergent manufacturers association for reduction of Palm Fatty Acid price

3571. SHRI SAMHAR MUKHERJEE:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received memoranda from various small scale soap and detergent manufacturers' association, urging for restoration of price of Palm Fatty Acid which is a Vital ingredient for their products to the 1985 level;

(b) whether Government are aware that steep increase in the price of Palm Fatty Acid will ruin the small scale soap and detergent industries with resultant unemployment to several thousand of persons;

(c) whether Government's decision to increase the price of Palm Fatty Acid from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 14,000/- per m. tonne is in conformity with Government's policy to encourage and help small scale industries as against monopoly industries; and

(d) if so, whether Government are considering to restore the price of Palm Fatty Acid to the 1985 level to save the small scale industries manufacturing soaps and detergents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Palm Fatty Acid Distillate (PFAD) is not required by detergent industry. It is imported to augment the indigenous availability of soapery oils and released at a subsidised price to help small soap units. PFAD is not allotted to the organised sector units including monopoly industry.

मैसर्स जी. एस. एंटरप्राइजिस द्वारा गैस चूल्हों की जांच-पड़ताल के लिए वसूल किया जा रहा प्रभार

3572. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत दो वर्षों से एल. पी. जी. डीलर मैसर्स जी. एस. एंटरप्राइजिस, शालीमार पार्क, शाहदरा दिल्ली ऐसे आवेदकों से, जिन्होंने उक्त वितरक से गैस बर्नर/हाट प्लेट नहीं खरीदें उनके गस चूल्हों की जाँच पड़ताल के लिए प्रत्येक ग्राहक से 10 रुपये वसूल कर रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे ग्राहकों की, वर्षवार संख्या कितनी है और इस संबंध में अन्य ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : मैसर्स जी० एस० एंटरप्राइजिज, दिल्ली सहित सभी एल० पी० जी० वितरकों को इस बात के अनुदेश है कि जब तक उपभोक्ता के पास बी० आई० ऐसे० से अनुमोदित एल० पी० जी० स्टोव हैं तब तक एल० पी० जी० स्टोव उनसे खरीदने के लिए उसे बाध्य न करें। ऐसे उपभोक्ताओं को निरीक्षण प्रभारों के रूप मे 10 रुपये जमा करवाने होते हैं ।

(ख) 1986-87 और 1987-88 के वर्षों के दौरान इस वितरक द्वारा जारी